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## BREAKING NEWS

### ESCAPED TERRORIST CONFIRMED DEAD

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## Plans in Store for Empty Shaw Entrance Space

BY CHARLOTTE YOUNG  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Any given day, people pass the fenced-in, vacant lot of overgrown grass on their way to and from the Shaw-Howard metro station.

"I have wondered if someone is going to do anything with that...it's just a random empty space," said sophomore accounting major Artesia Cauley.

Students like Cauley may have noticed and speculated about what is to be done with the empty lot.

"It'd be nice to have a community playground there or a rec center. Something for the kids in the area," freshman chemical engineering major Arielle Benjamin said.

The National Capital

Revitalization Corporation (NCRC) has the answers concerning the intentions for the lot. Though it does not involve a community playground or center, it does involve the community. The NCRC helps to revitalize DC neighborhoods by attracting private sector investments to the area. In doing so, this creates jobs, yields revenue, attracts and maintains businesses, as well as gives power to the citizens.

Partnering with private investors, the NCRC is working to turn the empty lot into Broadcast Center One. Located on 7th and S St., altogether the lot is a grand total of 326,230 sq. ft. It will be the new mixed-use headquarters of Radio One, the seventh largest radio broadcasting company in the nation and the largest

radio broadcasting company for African Americans and urban listeners. The project will include 185 residential units, 185 condos, 21,000 sq. ft. of retail space and 250 underground parking spaces. Twenty-five percent will be set aside for affordable housing and 10 percent will be affordable retail space.

"They've been looking at this location for quite some time," Ketan Gada, development manager for the NCRC said of the Radio One.

The NCRC is working with Broadcast Center Partners and the Ellis Development Group to complete this project.

"At the end of the day it is our partners that will develop the site. NCRC will be responsible for supervising.

We make sure they do what they promised," Gada said.

Gada says that they are working right now to finalize the plans.

"In the next five days we [will be] filing for a zoning application to get zoning approval from the city [to] allow us to build what we're proposing to do," he said.

The NCRC must obtain a Public Union Development (PUD) before it can start construction of any kind, a process that will take about eight to nine months to process.

Broadcast Center One is an estimated \$128,000,000 project. The ground-breaking is expected for March of 2007 and projected to be finished by September of 2009.



Derek Smith - Senior Photo Editor

The lot near the Shaw metro entrance will soon become Broadcast Center One, the new headquarters for Radio One.

## HUSA and Chapel Assistants Combine for 'Leadership'

BY ANYA ALEXANDER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

"The Power to Lead, the Passion to Serve" is the theme of the Leadership program week co-sponsored by the Howard University Student Association and Chapel Assistants that focuses on what it takes to be a great student leader on campus.

Last night's panel discussion titled, Exceeding Excellence, explored various issues in reference to leadership including, defining the characteristics of a leader, finding balance between school and organizational responsibility, and dealing with criticism from peers and administrators.

"For me passion, commitment, and dedication is what it is all about," said panelist Kierra Jones, Spotlight Network Supervising Producer. "In order to be a successful leader, you must have a passion for what you do."

Finding balance for school work, extra-curricular activities, and social life is a major task for these student leaders, but panelist William Roberts, executive president of the

College of Arts and Sciences Student Council, believes that having restraints and time management is a good way to balance academic and organizational responsibility. Roberts said that he makes it a priority to spend time with his friends to prevent being consumed in his work.

"It's a great balancing act," Roberts said. "It's about knowing yourself and setting limitations."

Though criticism comes with the job of being a student leader, dealing with it is not always the easiest thing to do. Stephen Nichols, HUSA Vice President, argues that the many leaders have been critical once, before they stepped into their position.

"Criticism is why you jumped into the position anyway...you saw that something needed to be changed and you wanted to help make a difference," he said. "The key is to make sure that you're handling what you said you would once you get in the position."

Rashida Walters, Pan-Hellenic Council President, feels that student leaders should use criticism to their

advantage.

"If you are criticized that means people are thinking about you and they care."

The Student Leadership Week originally started under the direction of Alexis Logan, former President of Chapel Assistants and has continued to its fourth year working along side the Howard University Student Association (HUSA).

"I've been a chapel assistant since my freshman year and I have seen the growth of the student leadership week program, said Melanie Chambers, 1st vice president of Chapel Assistants. "Our continued growth will be a tremendous asset to the University."

Chambers said she is really excited about the programs they are sponsoring as well as the guest speakers this week.

"The idea of a panel of students was to pull leaders of different aspects of leadership representing the diversity of campus life," Chambers said.

Nandi Murphy, a junior television production major, was pleased with the diversity of the panelist. As a member of HUSA, Murphy went to the discussion to learn more about



Samara Pearson - Contributing Photographer

HUSA and Chapel Assistants held their joint event, Leadership Week, which focuses on being a good leader, handling criticism and balancing the various aspects of college life.

the higher student government positions on campus.

"I think the panel was a good representation of student leadership on campus," Murphy said. "They inspired me to want to do more on campus."

Ty Axson, president of Chapel Assistants, feels that the purpose of this week is to give students the unique opportunity to hear from student leaders in an non-traditional intimate setting.

"I really want students to

have a better understanding of what leadership and service is and how they relate to each other," said Axson. "What you do in life determines how you lead."

## Alphas, AKAs Host Inaugural Phirst Pham Week

BY TRAVER RIGGS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Maryland, DC, and Virginia area danced its way to first place at Phirst Pham's "History of African/Hip-Hop Dance: Phirst Pham Regional Dance Off," last night in the School of Dentistry.

They were awarded bragging rights and a section in the Hilltopics of The Hilltop.

The dance competition was a part of the inaugural Phirst Pham week, entitled "Bringing it Back to Where it Began."

The "Phirst Pham" is comprised of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Both organizations were the first black Greek

social organizations kind for college-educated black men and women, and each has a strong presence on Howard's campus.

Participants were broken into five geographical regions: "Down South", East Coast, West Coast, Midwest, and Maryland, D.C., and Virginia.

In the first segment, each region was required to choose six representatives to collectively demonstrate their home town's dances to each area's music.

"It was nice to see the individual characteristics that make each region unique because they sometimes blend together," said Brandi Amos, sophomore legal communication major.

"The second part is where



Bryan Jones - Asst. Photo Editor

Attendees fused African-inspired and modern moves from different regions at last night's first Phirst Pham event.

is gets tricky," said Kathryn Hurley, junior English major and vice president of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

In the second segment, which was judged, the groups chose eight representatives to incorporate not only their regional dances, but also

African-themed dancing into African music.

The judges, Tristan Mitchell, a senior economics major, David Stinfil, senior political science major, Randi Boddie, graduate student and Lauren Johnson, senior advertising major, represented different areas of the country.

Stinfil felt that energy and talent were most important when judging while Boddie's focused on the groups' ability to interpret the directions to incorporate the dances, creativity, and originality.

"I want to see how well they incorporate the dances for each region creatively in the direction of 'bringing it back,'" Johnson said.

Students came to see how dance could be brought back.

"Many are blind-sided by the fact that the 'Lean wit it Rock wit it [dance]' originated somewhere in Africa," said Brittany Keeton, a sophomore legal communication major.

"I wanted to learn more about the history of African dance and hip-hop," said Zenobia Morrow, a senior graphic design major.

Morrow was not alone. The turnout was higher than expected, prompting the hosts of the evening to find larger accommodations for the crowd. "We didn't want to turn anyone away. That was not an option," Hurley said.

The host organizations were able to find administration to open up a dividing wall

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## Towers Staff Explains 'Do Not Enter' Signs

BY PHILLIP LUCAS  
Contributing Writer

Some residents of the Plaza Towers have shared a good chuckle after reading signs on the trash chute doors that read: DO NOT ENTER. Why would anyone want to enter a trash chute knowing what will be waiting for them at the end?

Although Howard students have enjoyed a good laugh, residents and employees question the reasoning behind the newly posted sign.

Ashley Denson, a sixth floor student assistant in the West Towers thought hard about the possibility of someone falling into the chute.

After looking into the tiny closet twice and eyeing the size of the chute, she said, "I don't think anyone would even want to come in here anyway," she said.

A number of students agreed with Denson, saying that students' actual trash cannot fit into the trash chute.

"They're [so] small, even the trash bags don't always fit," said nursing major Ene Egwa. "I don't think people would jump in," said Okwi Ejoh, a nursing major.

William Whitfield, a Plaza Towers employee has inquired about the trash chute signs, but has never received an answer.

"I asked the same question but I never received an answer," he said.

Whitfield said there has



been a history of the problems with posted signs in the Plaza Towers.

"[A maintenance employee] posted these notes in the wrong area and had to remove them," Whitfield said.

"They used to be on the door of the closet, now they're on the door of the chute."

Whitfield said the signs were intended to warn residents about misplacing personal items.

"The notes were posted because people would frequently drop keys, cell phones and other stuff down the chute. The signs are there so people won't reach in after them," he said.

The presence of the signs in the claustrophobic trash closets brings up a bigger question. Does the University have a trust issue with their students?

"I think they do, but not with the chutes. It's just absurd to have signs there," Egwa said.



Denson said the signs have more to do with building safety precautions in dorm halls.

"They [the university] do have a trust issue with students, but the signs are up to protect the university from liability suits probably," Denson said.

Denson added that the signs are probably up to discourage students from playing around in the trash chute rooms.

"I hope students don't play in the trash chute room. There

Derrell Smith - Senior Photo Editor and Brittney Williams - Contributing Photographer

Signs above trash chutes read "Do Not Enter" in both the East and West Towers as well as the Bethune Annex dorm. Howard Plaza Towers staff said the signs were posted to avoid liability, since students have tried to retrieve lost keys, cell phones and other personal items in the chutes.

## What's In A Name?

A Look at the Namesakes of Howard University



Locke Hall

Alain Locke Hall was constructed in 1964 on the upper main quadrangle. It sits three stories high on Howard University's main campus between the Armour J. Blackburn Center and the Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science (formally the Human Ecology Building).

Alain LeRoy Locke was born on September 13, 1886, in Philadelphia, PA. Locke played a significant role in developing the curriculum for general education in the College of Liberal Arts. He was an educator, an interpreter and a promoter of Black culture. Locke advanced the study of philosophy and is best known for being a chief interpreter of the Harlem Renaissance.

Locke's career as a teacher began at Howard University in 1912 and has extended over a period of forty-one years. In 1921 Locke became Head of the Department of Philosophy and held this position until his retirement in 1953. Upon his retirement, Locke was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Howard University.

Before coming to Howard, Locke entered Harvard University and graduated with double honors in English and Philosophy within three years. In 1907 he became the recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship appointed

from Pennsylvania, therefore making him the first African American Rhodes Scholar. Locke pursued his three years post-graduate study in philosophy at Oxford University in England. He later received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1918.

Before Locke Hall's construction, Spaulding Hall stood in its place. Spaulding Hall was one of the first buildings built on Howard's campus. It was constructed in 1872 in memory of Martha Spaulding who died and left a large estate to the university. By 1894 the estate amounted to \$20,000. Spaulding Hall was built in order to relieve congestion in the Main Building. Spaulding Hall had many functions including: campus bookstore, Little Theater (until 1960), gymnasium (1914-1925) and chapel (1872-1894).

Demolition of Spaulding Hall was completed in 1962 and was later replaced by Classroom building No. 2, later renamed Locke Hall. The dedication of the building to Alain Leroy Locke took place on March 16, 1978.

Locke Hall is currently used for classrooms and the College of Arts and Sciences.

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## COAS Student Council to Host Club Fair

BY EBONI FARMER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In order to give Arts and Sciences students more options that are salient to their majors, The College of Arts and Sciences Student Council will be hosting its first organizational fair in The Blackburn tonight from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in rooms 148 and 150.

William Roberts, a junior political science major and President of the College of Arts and Sciences, urges students to come to the event.

"Get involved, the best part of the Howard experience happens outside of the classroom," Roberts said.

There will be 22 organizations present at the fair; students can look forward to having a variety to learn about. Some of the organizations that will be attending the fair include the American Chemist Society, Spanish Language Society, the Pre Law Society, Howard Players, Grammy U Network Program, and the Health Professional Society. The Psi Chi Psychology and Phi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors society will also be represented.

"Howard's mission is to develop leaders, when students get involved it helps the university to fulfill this mission," said Eunice Charles, a junior political science major and program director for the COAS Student Council.

Students will also have the chance to mingle with the executive board mem-

bers of the College of Arts and Sciences Student Council and the college's seven representatives from the Undergraduate Student Assembly. The freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior class councils will also be attending the fair.

"For many students especially freshmen, talking to the representatives of the executive board and from USGA can be intimidating, but they should not be afraid we are all students. Howard is just a big family," Charles said.

Presidents of organizations, who became involved with them as freshmen are reaping from the benefits.

President of the American Chemical Society, Patrick Rogers is a testimony. "Through the American Chemical Society, I have had the chance to obtain internships outside of Howard. The organization has allowed me the opportunity to present research I have done at Howard during conferences. Part of my education was also funded through the American Chemist Society."

Rogers said being active in campus organizations is vital to the future careers of students. "Being involved in clubs that are pertinent towards career goals is very important when it comes to deciding which organizations to join," he said. "They can open doors that other wise would be inaccessible."

Howard Players is another one of the many organiza-



File Photo

The College of Arts and Sciences student council is hosting an organizational fair today in Blackburn.

tions in the College of Arts and Sciences geared towards preparing students for their future careers.

"The mission of Howard Players is to unite Howard students who major in theatre and dance," said Brittany Williams, Treasurer for the Howard Players. "There are many events that we organize such as showcases and plays. We also have different opportunities such as free headshots and we are organizing a spring semester trip to New York."

Juliet Odogwu, a freshman biology major will be attending the fair.

"I'm looking forward to joining organizations that will help me pursue my career in Biology and meeting new people with similar interest," Odogwu said.

To Howard students, Roberts said that whether or not students attend today's fair, they should take advantage of the many opportunities at Howard.

"Howard offers opportunities that students should take grasp of immediately," he said. "It is a matter of trial and error; join different organizations to find what is best for you. Do not be afraid."

## Writing Center Helps Students Hone their Scribe

Although Locke Hall is a place for students to allow their brains to flourish and explore the liberal arts it also has a center for students to learn the most basic skill of the arts - writing. The Writing Center helps students with their writing skills. It offers students a free and confidential service to help improve their writing ability by identifying and eliminating their weaknesses.

Professors within the English department urge students to use the free service that is being offered to them. Most professors do not have enough time to cater to each and every student in a class period so students are asked to visit the Writing Center in order to get advice or one-on-one help.

"The Writing Center enables students to get real help with real problems," said Dr. Pat Shaw, an Instructor in the English

department. She also said, "If a student works with a professor or a tutor in the Writing Center, over time their writing skills will greatly improve."

The center is currently staffed by director Wade Harrell, who is an Instructor in the English department, two graduate assistants, two undergraduate tutors and other professors within the English department who volunteer their time.

"We have a lot of freshmen who come in and get help," Harrell said. "We are dedicated to helping all students in any discipline by offering the proper resources and strategies to help improve their writing," said Harrell.

The Writing Center is located on the first floor of Locke Hall in Room 100.

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Aeja Washington -  
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Phirst Pham Inaugural Week Begins

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so that both lecture halls two and three could be used for the event.

"We realized that if we come together we will be able to affect more students," Hurley said.

With Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated in its centennial year and Alpha Kappa Alpha drawing nearer to its own centennial in 2008, fourth year architecture major and member of the Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha James Harmon said, "It's pivotal to have it [the week] this year and this time."

Activities, which according to Hurley, "not only are fun, but also educate", have been

planned for everyday of the week. Today the Knowledge Bowl is at 7:06 p.m. in room 1008 of the Numa P.G. building.

"It will be interesting to see how much black knowledge people on an HBCU campus actually have," Harmon said.

Wednesday's program is "Speed Dating: How Much You Really Know About Your Date" in lecture hall five of the School of Dentistry. Speakers on HIV and AIDS will be in attendance.

"It will be fun, but it's important to know what can happen if everyone dates," Hurley said.

Thursday the two orga-

nizations will join together to visit Bruce Monroe Elementary School to make arts and crafts with the children. There will be a party later that evening at the Gallery in Silver Spring, Maryland that all are welcome to attend.

On Friday there will be a physical fitness activity in the yard. "We'll be playing kickball," said Hurley.

The week wraps up on Saturday. Bruce Elementary School will attend the football game with the AKAs and Alphas where they will be provided with food.

Thomas encourages everyone to participate. She said, "We want to see new faces, new life, and new energy."

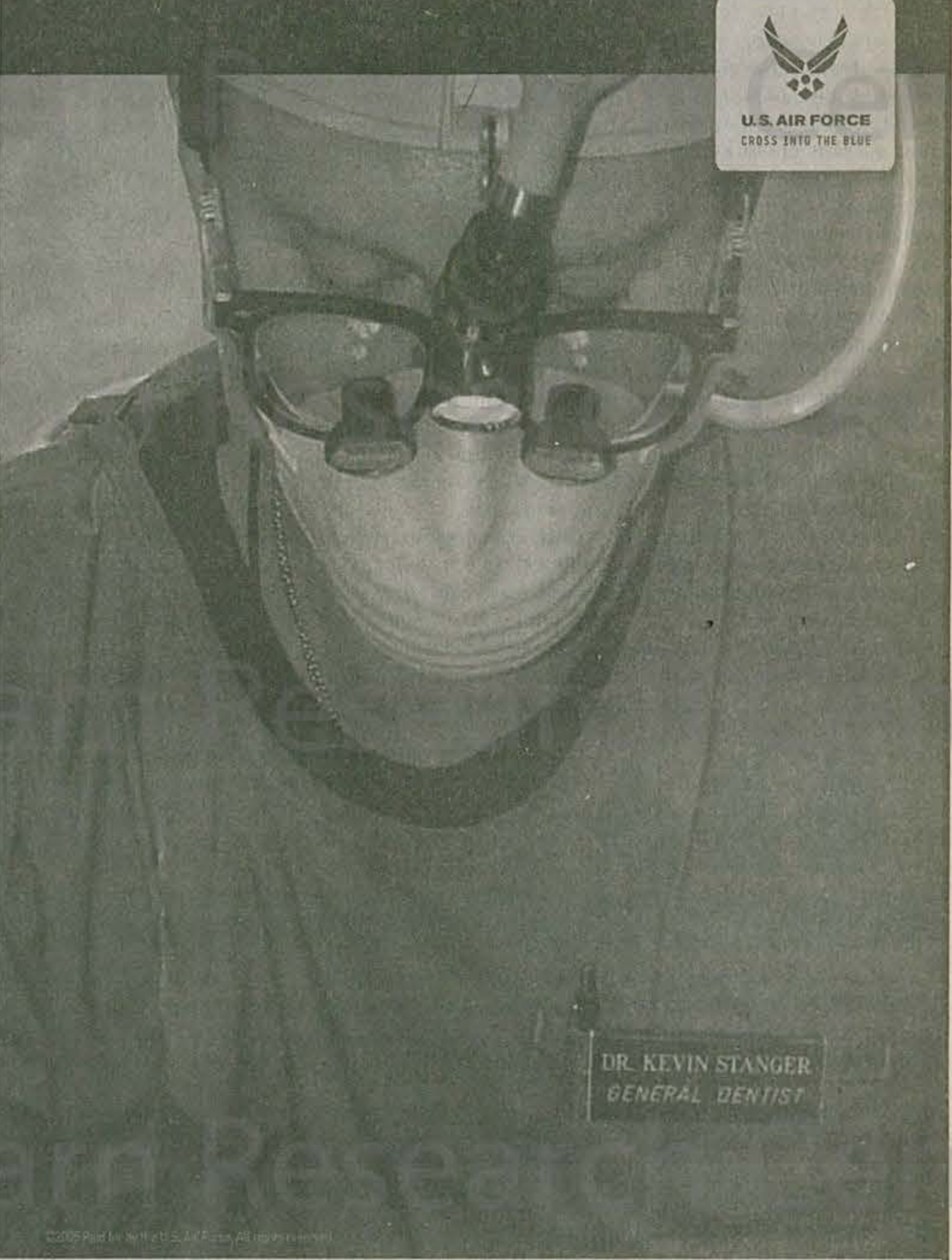
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# To Leave, or Not to Leave? That is the Question

BY CHARLOTTE YOUNG  
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For four years or more at a time, the District functions as a second home for students attending Howard University. After graduation however, the decision to leave Washington, D.C. or make it home for a little while longer comes into play.

"No other place is so politically-intertwined as D.C., and no other place has as many opportunities for jobs, learning, art and music events, shopping, etc.," said junior chemistry major Faith Brown. "No other place has so much blending of ethnicities and cultures and I like that a lot."

Originally from Cincinnati, Brown already knows she does not want to return to her home. Though she loves living in D.C., she would not want to stay in the District after graduation

because of the high cost of living. "I would like to continue to live on the East Coast - perhaps in Virginia or North Carolina," she said.

Dora Edge, a senior communication and culture major from Suitland, Md., likes the accessibility of the D.C. area, but does not want to stay here after graduation.

"I've been here my whole life," she said.

Instead, Edge plans to do a fellowship in Indiana through the Impact Movement.

The pursuit of graduate studies also plays a factor in deciding to stay in the District after graduation.

Senior biology major and Nashville, Tenn. native Orville Bignall says he has enjoyed his time spent in D.C., but the decision to stay depends on where he goes for medical school.

"I attended a summer research program at Vanderbilt and it has started me thinking about going back home for med school," he said.

"The only reason I would stay is if I get into a top notch place like [John] Hopkins. But I have to go where the money is too."

Graduate student Tracy Hunter did her undergraduate degree at Howard and decided to stay at Howard to pursue her degree in divinity.

"I just felt that my work in the area wasn't done. Also, I played softball in undergrad and I had another year of eligibility to play. So, I decided to use that [eligibility to continue to play] my first year of grad school," Hunter said.

Originally from Fort. Lauderdale, Fla., Hunter likes D.C. because it's "right in the



Howard students are faced with deciding whether to remain in D.C. or relocate after graduation.

middle of everything, and with that business comes excitement."

Hunter is uncertain if, after graduate school, she will remain in D.C.

"I'm looking at a few Ph.D. programs and most likely to get the one that I want I'll probably have to leave," she said.

While the district offers many opportunities, it has its

advantages and disadvantages. The decision to stay in D.C. after graduation is dependent on the personal and academic goals of the students at Howard University.



BY ASHLEY TANNEHILL  
Contributing Writer

Looking to have a night out, but don't know where to begin? Chinatown might be the answer. It's close, yet just far enough to get a feel for what the District has to offer.

Chinatown is an important historic neighborhood in Washington, D.C., but it has not always been what it is now.

In the late 1980s, the Chinatown community was built after its downfall stemming from the 1968 riots, which left much of the city burned down. New architecture and a gift from the District, the grand Friendship

Archway over H Street have brought tourism and business back to the abandoned neighborhood. Since then, Chinatown has been revamped and now caters to a larger, more diverse crowd.

Although Chinatown is comparatively smaller to that of others in large cities, recent development has increased its size significantly in recent years.

"It went from nothing to a mini-New York," says Nyjia Jones, a District resident. "After the MCI Center was built, the area became more affluent, but when Verizon bought it, that's when it really started to pop-up," Jones says.

Some visitors and residents say it is starting to become more commercialized, but admit it is not always a bad thing.

Thomas LaGon, a sophomore radio, television and film major, takes advantage of what Chinatown has to offer. "It's convenient. It is the nicest area to go to other than Georgetown. Plus, for a date, it's a good idea," LaGon says.

Aside from dining and nightlife entertainment, shopping is starting to increase. Urban Outfitters and City Sports call Chinatown home, but now Bed, Bath and Beyond have moved to the neighborhood.

With the continuous

development, there is plenty to offer in food and entertainment. Eateries such as Chipotle, Fuddruggers, Clyde's and Legal Seafood give visitors plenty of dining options.

For a more traditional meal, Chinese, Japanese and Thai restaurants can be found on H Street in the heart of Chinatown. Aside from a good meal, Chinatown is home to Lucky Strike Bowling Alley, Regal Cinema and plenty museums and galleries within walking distance.

Irelisse Fernandez, a Maryland resident, said, "I like to go to Lucky Strike. That's one of me and my friend's favorite place to go on

Saturdays," she says. "I also enjoy going out on dates with my boyfriend on nice nights."

Although the growth of this area is a seemingly good sign, there can be downfalls. Crowded sidewalks, minimal parking and, on an unlucky night, long waits at restaurants can be frustrating. Robin Bellamy, a junior public relations major, works for the Department of Justice in near Chinatown.

"I like Chinatown because it has restaurants, shopping and the new movie theater. [Working] is fun, but I would choose somewhere else to work. It's so busy."

Some students feel the same as Bellamy, Aaron

Boose, a junior English major, doesn't look to Chinatown when thinking of a night out.

"I go to the library there and might go see a Wizards game, but I don't really hang-out there," Boose says.

Whether looking for leisure activity or a job, Chinatown is always an option. Count on new attractions and don't forget to visit the old ones. There is plenty to offer, and one is sure to find something of their interest. The heart of Chinatown is located on 7th Street and H Street; it can be accessed from the Metro's Green Line at Galley Place/Chinatown stop.



## BACK ON THE BLOCK: Chinatown

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# Adjustments to New PA System in Progress

BY JULIANNE HANCKEL  
Hilltop Staff Writer

At last Saturday's first home football game against FAMU, the Green Stadium's new \$50,000 PA system was expected to give spectators an ear full with its high quality sound. There were some problems with the new system, as constant static continued to interrupt the game and distract the football players on the field.

"It was annoying...every time we would go to the sidelines to get coached up, the static would happen," said Arlandus Hood, a junior wide receiver.

Hood added that he was mad because, "[Athletics Director Dwight] Datcher said he spent all this money on a new sound system and it was messing up."

"I don't know if the hospital had anything to do with it or not, but something was interfering."

- Kory Hankin, RCI Sound Systems

The constant static was attributed to the wireless microphones picking up many different frequencies around the area of Greene Stadium.

The helicopters and ambulances arriving at the hospital across the reservoir behind the stadium could have possibly interfered with the frequency channel that the sound system was using.

"We noticed that when the ambulances and the helicopters came closer to the hospital, the static would kick in," said Isaac Darden, facilities manager.

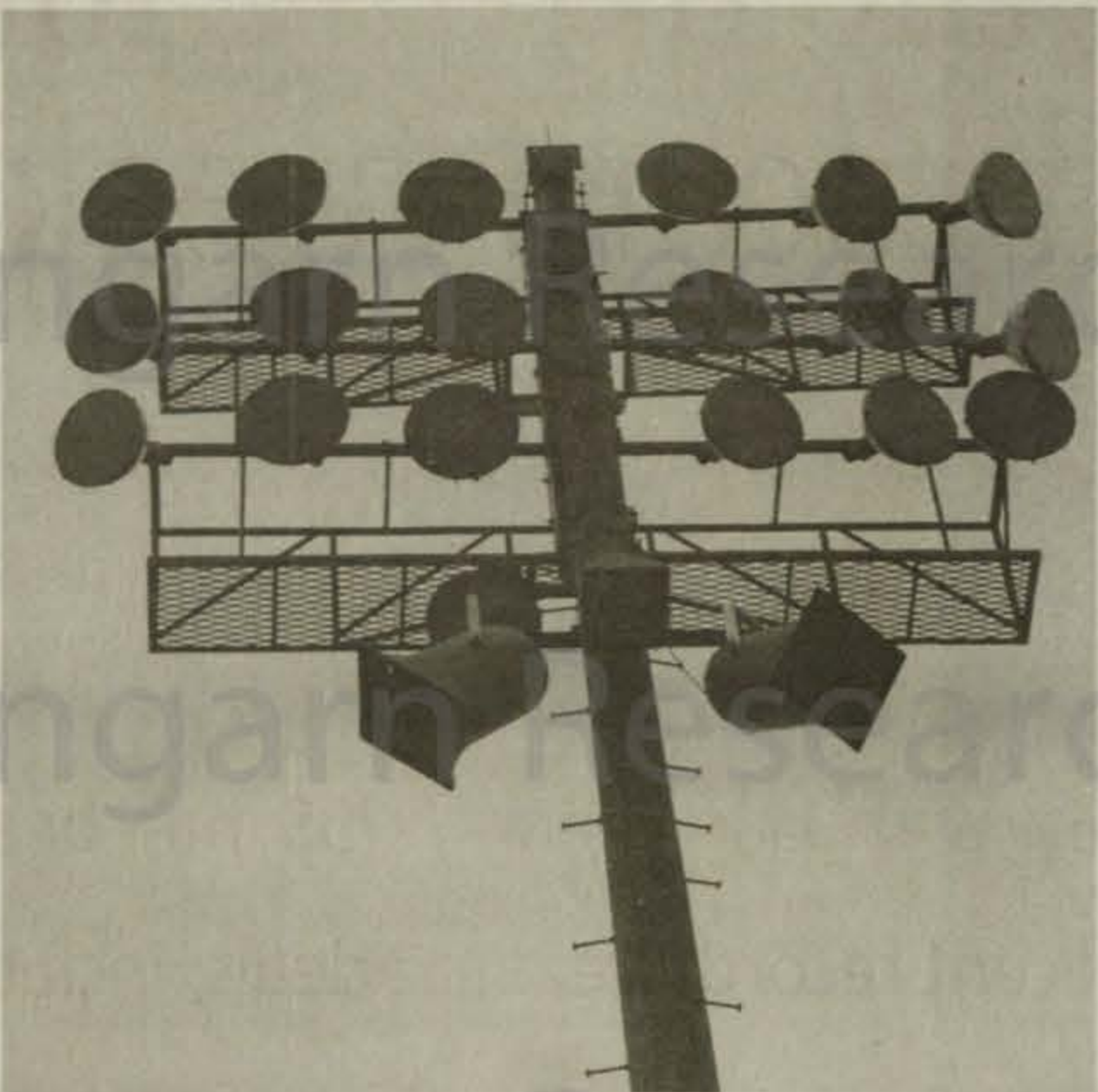
In order to fix the static during the game, Kory Hankin, a standby technician for RCI Sound Systems, tried to switch the frequency during the first and second quarters.

"It was a problem with their wireless microphone," he said.

Hankin believes that there may be something coming from the hospital or the surrounding areas that is possibly interfering and picking up the wireless signal.

"I don't know if the hospital had anything to do with it or not, but something was interfering," Hankin said.

There was also another microphone that was given to the



The new \$50,000 PA system installed in Greene Stadium this summer emitted much static during the Bison football team's home opener.

band in order to project the sound while they were playing across the field, but all the spectators heard was the major static as a result of the band being too loud.

"We did not even notice that the microphone was left on at times when the band was not playing," Darden

said.

"That could have had a big impact on the noise being projected as well but we did notice a strong improvement in the sound after we turned the band microphone off," he said.

The wireless microphone the referee used also had some problems

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of its own, but was easily taken care of by switching the battery pack at halftime.

Though the static did not occur back in August when the system was first tested, Darden feels strongly that the static is due to a cross in wireless frequencies.

"There is a wireless interference happening at some level," Darden said.

Hankin is planning on assessing the problems early this week, or during the next home game.

"All we can do is just try new frequencies to see which one works the best," Hankin said.

Hankin is currently researching different frequency levels around the area in order to improve the type of signal coming from the wireless speakers and sound system.

# Freshman Transition Profile: Soccer Midfielder Joel Senior

BY WINNIE CLARK-JENKINS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Making the transition from high school student to college student is tough for many freshmen, but the transition from high school athlete to college athlete can be even more challenging.

Freshman soccer player, Joel Senior seems to have made that transition quite well as he enters the middle of his season playing soccer with the Bison.

"It has been great playing here, I like everyone on the team and it has been easy [adjusting]," Senior said.

Senior has also proven himself to be an asset to the team early in the season. He has one of the higher goal shot averages on the team and has strong technical ability.

"He is a very good player," said assistant men's soccer coach Curtis Landy. "We look to great things from him because of his ability."

To keep his mind focused and his ability before and during the game, Senior goes through a set of routines to prepare for competition.

He usually enjoys 'quiet and alone time' as a pre-game ritual so that he has time to think and have a clear mind before the game.

Senior, a native of Jamaica, who attended high school in Hyattsville, Md., has already received numerous honors and awards in the soccer realm.

Senior was the recipient of the 2005-2006 Washington Catholic Athletic Committee Player of the Year award, as well as the 2005-2006 All-Met award.

Senior began playing soccer 11 years ago at a young age in Jamaica, where he looked up to friends and family members that also played the game.

"I look up to a lot of different people, but I really look up to Ronald Dinho," he said.

With a strong set of upper-classmen players to look up to, Senior has been able to fit in well and assist the team while also being able to take direction.

"I really like the vibe of the team, I like how we can all get together despite our differences and play soccer," Senior said.

Senior has been able to mesh well with the team and use the team to build up his own strengths and weaknesses.

He feels that he is strong in being able to make critical plays when necessary and execute them successfully. However, Smith does feel like he needs to work on his speed on the field.

Playing for a college team can be challenging and stressful. Learning to balance school work without parental reminders as well as being athletic can also be a challenge, one that Senior seems to have figured out.

"I knew it was going to be hard work, so it was everything I expected," he said.

Aside from soccer, Senior remembers to enjoy his time and spends time hanging out with friends and listening to his favorite music.

With hard work and the qualifications of being an alumni of the Howard men's soccer team, Senior aspires to one day play for a professional soccer team.

"I would love to play for Manchester United," Senior said.



Freshman midfielder Joel Senior has made an immediate impact on the Bison men's soccer team this season.

# SAINTS RETURN HOME TO SUPERDOME



Photo courtesy of www.espn.com

The New Orleans Saints hosted the Atlanta Falcons Monday night in the first football game in the Superdome since Hurricane Katrina.

They defeated the Falcons, 23-3, in their first true home game since 2004.

According to ESPN, a total of \$185 million was spent on renovations to get the dome ready for the return of the Saints, nearly three months ahead of schedule.

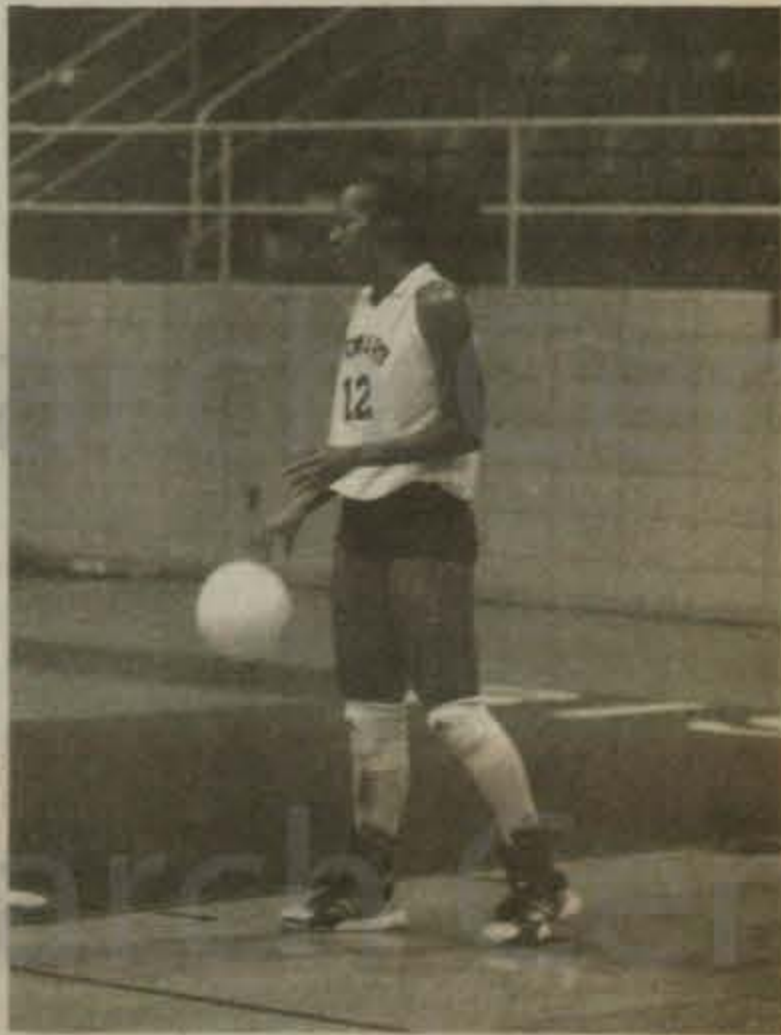
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# Around the MEAC

## James Receives MEAC Honorable Mention

Howard sophomore outside hitter Janel James recorded double doubles in both of the Lady Bison's matches last week (15 kills and 16 digs against UMES and 19 kills and 17 digs against Hampton) as the team went 1-1 on the week. Her performance earned her weekly MEAC honorable mention.

The MEAC volleyball Player of the Week was Morgan State University freshman Ivanti Bush. Bush collected a career-high 31 kills and 14 digs for her sixth double-double of the season in MSU's first-ever win over University of Maryland Baltimore County after nine meetings.



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## TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY...

On Sept. 26, 1926, Ty Cobb played his final game in a Detroit Tigers' uniform.





## He Said

## She Said



## Shoes

When I arrived at the Mecca my freshman year, after leaving my humble hometown of Lansing, Mich., I saw a lot of new things that I did not understand at first.

With time, many of these things became clearer to me and began to make sense. There are still a few, though, that still perplex me. One that stands out the most is the excessive wearing of high-heels by the female student population.

Don't get me wrong, heels are nice and appropriate when a young lady is going out to dinner, a formal engagement, or even to go sweat out her perm at Republic Gardens.

However, going to an 8:10 class with 15 pounds of books is not one of these fitting occasions. Neither is being on the Yard with five inches of snow.

I can't speak for all guys

but I am quite confident that most see that act as I do... silly and thirsty. We are not going to witness a scene like that and think, "Wow, look how those stilettos accentuate her calves and create the illusion of longer legs." Honestly, we're just going to think of you as reaching to an extreme to make an impression.

In fact, the chances of a guy even noticing your fashionable footwear are quite slim.

Point blank; we're not looking at your feet. Think back ladies, when was the last time you heard a man comment, let alone compliment you, on your choice of shoes.

Don't take it as an insult. Other women are the ones who take notice of what another woman is styling on her feet.

With that being said, does a girl wear heels in



Joshua Thomas - Deputy Managing Editor

order to add to her appeal and attract members of the opposite sex or is it a 'shoe game' competition among women?

"Why you limping?" I say to my friend.

"Because, what had happened was I had on some shoes and they hurt my feet

and... now I have a bunion," he says.

What? So, you're telling me, you wore a pair of uncomfortable shoes for a single evening and now you're debilitated? Like, just no more walking for you? Really?

I think this is a most amusing illustration of the gender disparity between men and women when it comes to footwear. If a woman wore a pair of less than comfortable shoes for an evening (which we all know is so very improbable) and was resultantly debilitated, society would laugh in her face, tell her to wear flats, and keep it moving.

But if a man does, so, he's on the injured list indefinitely.

And of course, some people say that it's our own fault for choosing to wear the 4-inch heels, but can you really pass up the hound-

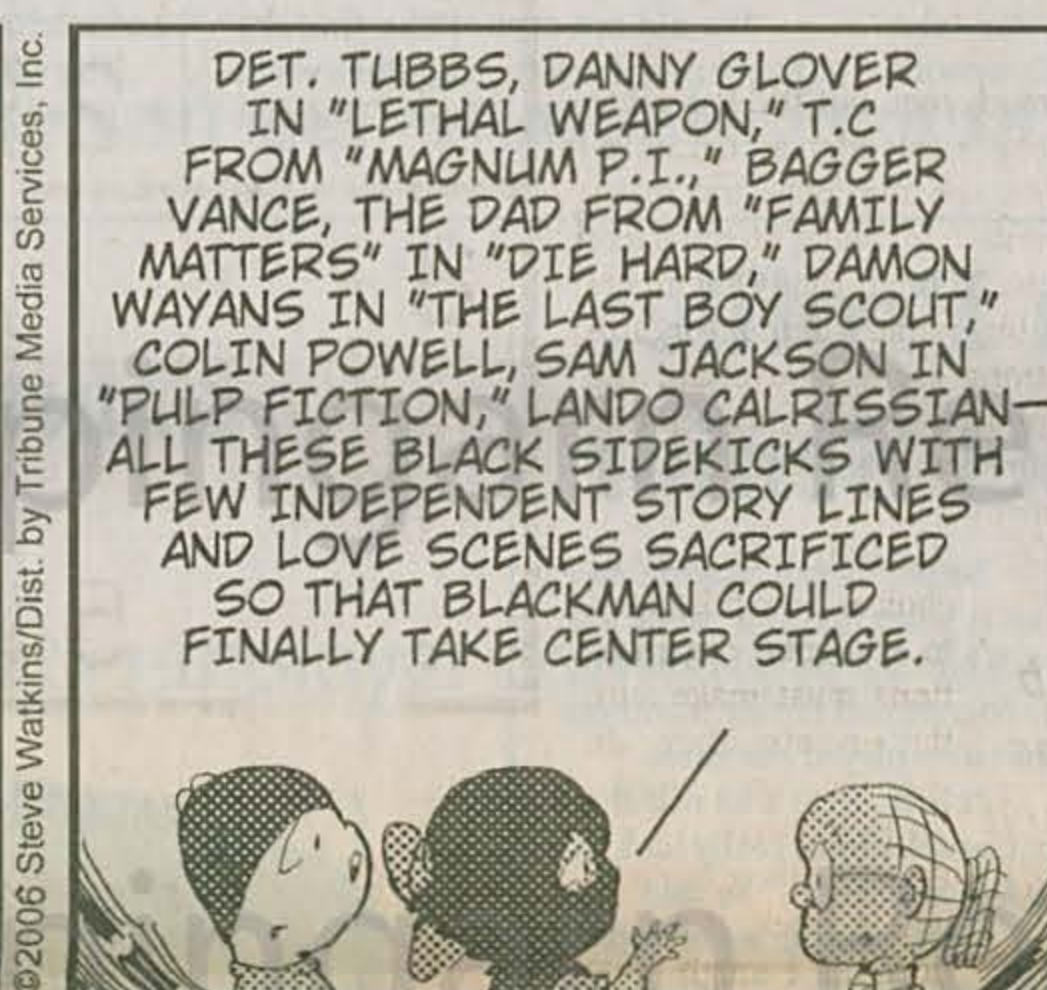
stooth peep toe with the crossover tab and the shiny little button? Is it my fault that Steve made his shoes so very appealing? No, I don't think so.

As stupid as some people call heels, if we didn't conform to the norm and dawn our heels, at least every so often, it'd be "what's wrong with her? why she ain't got no cute shoes? why she don't never feel like getting fly for a brother?"

But when people pressure us into the oppressive footwear, they don't realize just how much it takes. And how much more it takes to put them back on the next day. So, next time you wonder why she never puts on her "come and get me" heels for you, think about what it would feel like to stand on your tip-toes with something pressing on the pad of your foot for hours on end. Then, you know our pain.

From the Minds of Joshua Thomas & Jana Homes

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## Howardite Horoscopes

**Overview:** The passionate Scorpio Moon turns up the heat on our emotions so we must act cooler than we feel to contain the energy. Meanwhile, Scorpio's key planet Pluto tensely squares Venus, the romantic planet. Sexual urges are stronger than usual and can now drive relationship issues. Power struggles over love and money can also demand our attention. The danger is in acquiescing to our fears by burying our feelings instead of opening our hearts.

**Aries:** Problems arise when you hold back feelings because at some point you're going to erupt. However, if these hidden emotions can be tactfully brought into the light, then real healing is possible.

**Taurus:** You may feel a myriad of emotions today; both love and pain. Because you want to protect everything you may escalate situations. Let go, and you will minimize the potential to hurt those you love the most.

**Gemini:** It may be awkward to feel emotions that are foreign to you. You are more comfortable being nomadic in mind-set but now is the time to settle. Take your own time and jump headfirst into the issues at hand.

**Cancer:** You may be having family issues right now. The hard part is separating good and bad times. If you forgive and forget, past troubles can become new pleasures.

**Leo:** There is intense passion and loyalty but manipulation could trigger an explosion in your relations. Tread lightly.

**Virgo:** Regardless of how well you know your path others may resist. What's worse is that the resistance may come from within. Your own insecurities may cause an emotional breakdown. Don't bottle up you emotions because that only builds more pressure.

**Libra:** An inner voice says to share your feelings but circumstances tell you to hold back. It may seem like you just can't win and a compromise may not be easy to find. Be more emotionally engaged until the intensity is expressed. Then, and only then, will you be able to regain control of your own heart.

**Scorpio:** You have the gift to dig deeper into the emotions of others. Use those tools to find out more about yourself. As you discover the origin of your fears, you'll be able to better loosen up the blockages in your life.

**Sagittarius:** Stand up for what you believe in. Trust your instincts now and act upon your feelings.

**Capricorn:** Now is the time to heal but be careful of your aim when you vent. Be careful not to attack those who are close to you in your attempt to cleanse.

**Aquarius:** Find out more about yourself through soul searching but be aware that you may find things that you don't want to know. Since you Aquarians can be so comfortable in the rational world of intellect, you are often uncomfortable leaving this realm. But you have to escape your comfort zone in order to reap the certain benefits that aren't logical or rational. Throw away your words and act on what's in your heart.

**Pisces:** Spirituality can have its positive aspects but watch out for the potential and abundant pitfalls. Just because it appears attractive does not mean that it is necessarily your best option. If you lose your grip on external reality -- or even if you let go willingly -- it can be difficult to find your way back into the real world. But hold on too tightly and you can rob yourself of the richness that could come from flowing with your intuitive feelings. Walk in both worlds while seeking a happy medium.

Adapted from horoscopes courtesy of tarot.com

## Overheard @ The Mecca

"You're.... Not It"

Overheard on the Meridian Shuttle

Girl #1: Have you heard from \_\_\_?

Girl #2: Naw, I don't know what's wrong with her. I been tryna call her for over a week and she won't return my phone calls.

G1: That's messed up.

G2: But the worst part was she went on facebook and untagged all her pictures with me. She didn't have time to call me back but she can go untag me and stuff!

G1: Trollolp!

"We're So Educated on the Issues"

Overheard at the Shuttle Stop

Girl: I can't believe that guy wrote that article about us basically saying we were like a bunch of chicken-eating coons.

Friend: What guy?

Girl: You know the guy. That one guy that works for the New York Post.

Friend: The Post wrote an article about Howard?

Girl: Yeah. On Saturday or something. Saying that basically we only protested Laura Bush because her being here made us miss Soul Food Thursdays.

Friend: Oh yeah. Clearly we were protesting her shutting down the campus for an educational summit when she and her husband are such clear objectors of supporting minority education.

Girl: NO, we were protesting the war in Iraq.

Friend: But Soul Food Thursdays do be on it though.

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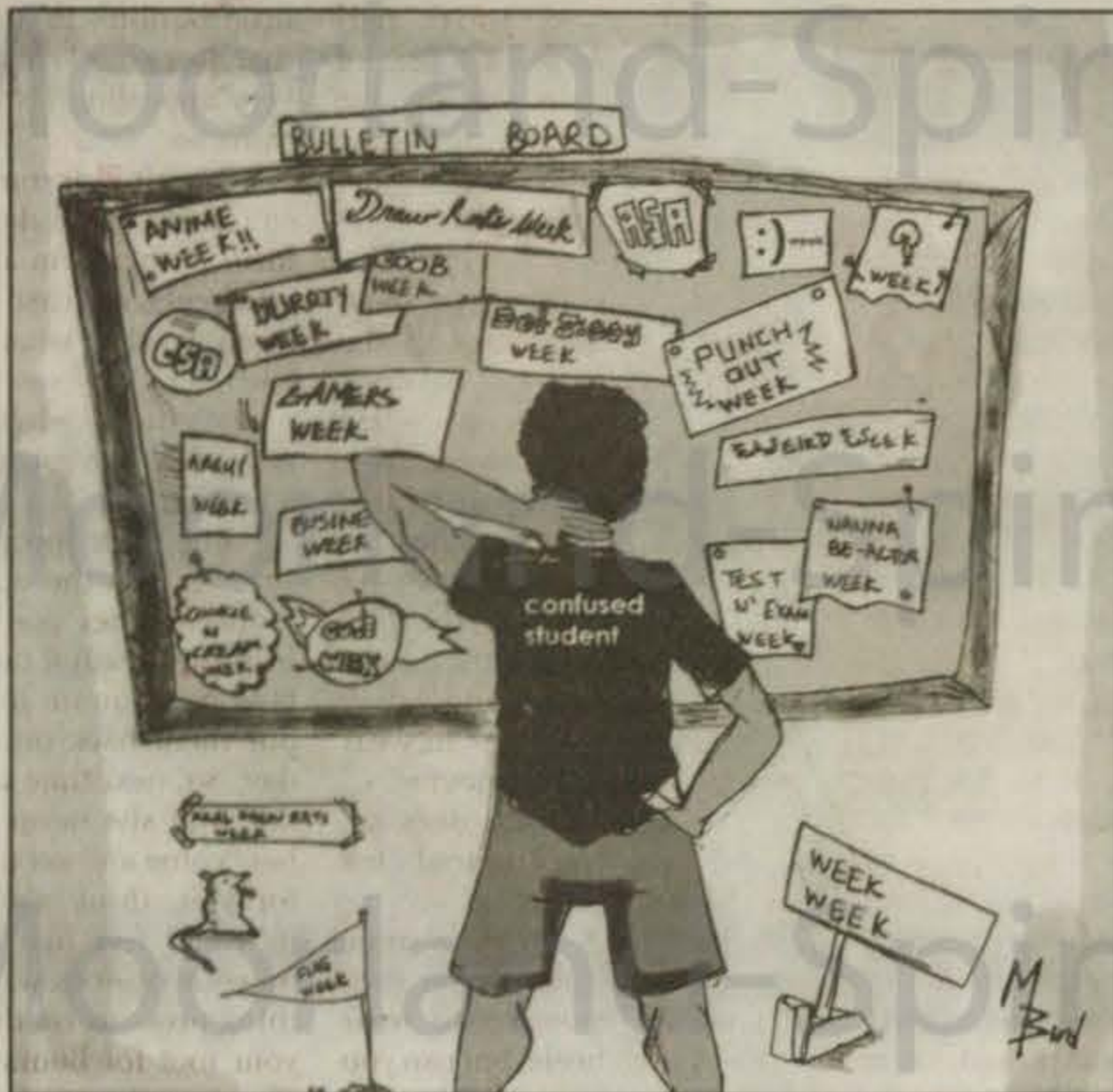


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## Organization Overload

Calls to Chapel on Sunday foreshadowed a week full of campus organizations hosting their annual weeks. Though *The Hilltop* supports organizations that look to expand awareness of their group by having "weeks," this week's organization overload is not doing the diverse students and groups they are involved in justice.

Just looking at the back of our own paper we see that four of the Greek sororities and fraternities are having weeks along with a HUSA/Chapel Assistant week and a women's music fraternity. It is a disservice to students who may be interested in many of the panels and discussions these different groups host to have to choose which events they will attend.

It's no secret that students attending Divine Nine events of one organization will probably not attend the meetings of

the others, but if these events are open to all students and seek to enlighten our campus, they should not overlap so much.

Co-hosting its own week as well, HUSA should be a part of solution for balancing campus events so students aren't bombarded.

### Our View:

**HUSA should do a better job uniting student organizations so weeks don't overlap so much and campus groups should make sure they are offering quality over quantity.**

The University Organization Assembly is already in place thanks to the past HUSA administration and its goal of unifying campus groups will be achieved so occurrences like this week's organization overload won't happen. The assembly has

already met, but still has yet to make a calendar so organizations can minimize too many events happening at the same time. Though many members in big name campus organizations seem to overlap, the Assembly should still facilitate better communication between clubs.

With the many choices now presented to students, organizations must make sure the events they do sponsor are worthwhile. Though it's the Howard thing to do to host a week, if a club does not enough great events for an entire week, it shouldn't spread it's event over a week's time and choose quality over quantity. And with the abundance of weeks and events going on, organizations should do their part to make their event stand out.

Our campus clubs must go back to the root of being an organization: to organize.

## Perspective: Rebutting the "Rowdy Negroes" Georgetown Incident

As a new, proud Howard student I was shocked to read an article in *The Hilltop* on Thursday Sept. 21, 2006 regarding the so-called "crashed Georgetown party" by a group of "Rowdy Negroes" from our school.

Apparently, the perspective was not in our favor, and the story has been completely misconstrued, so I am here to set the story straight regarding the party that myself, friends, and other HU students were in attendance.

First off, we were not uninvited guests, considering other students and myself have friends at Georgetown who let us know that it was okay to join in the open party on their campus. We were going last Saturday not to crash a party, but to be able to explore the other universities that are

close to us in D.C.

Since when is it not okay to party with fellow college students from different schools? Anyway, as the party progressed for about 20 minutes everything was all good. The music, the people, the dancing, it was the typical house party in which we all had been missing from home.

As we all began to get hype, we started reppin' our school, as they did Georgetown students. Shouts of HU and GT were flooding the house and it seemed as though it was all fun and games...Until there were apparently locals and GT students who decided they thought we shouldn't be there.

We were never asked to leave that party, instead they took it upon themselves to fight us out. HU never started a fight. We simply went to

have a good time for free with some friends that we hadn't seen since coming to college. Should we be penalized for wanting to have a good time when we weren't in the wrong? Is it our fault that some of our fellow students were jumped, security officers from their school beaten up? NO! We were put in a unsafe condition, but handled it quite well. We made it back safely, but I personally was sad to hear how HU was put into the stereotypical category of black colleges and universities.

Well, that's all I have to say. And GT nothing against you guys, but don't worry, HU will gladly stay on our side of town.

**Brittney C. Quarles,**  
freshman

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## Websites, Stylists offer Tips for Growing Long Hair

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Brittle, dry and damaged—just a few of many words that may be used to describe hair that simply will not grow. For those looking to add length to their locks, solutions can be found everywhere from the Internet to the beauty salon.

Hair is a major investment for black women. According to a study conducted by Mediamarks Research, Inc. in 2005, African-American women comprise 12 percent of the U.S. population and account for 21 percent of all hair care expenditures.

The quest for longer, stronger hair is a common one amongst Howard students.

"I made up my mind to grow [my hair] out in January," said junior marketing major Lauren Tyler.

Tyler, like most women, decided to consult her stylist for assistance. "I have a good hair dresser. When my hair is not in braids he conditions it well and he colors it well," she said.

Some believe that professional help is the only way to ensure that one's hair is properly cared for, especially if they

are trying to aid its growth.

"I recommend that they come to the salon," said hair stylist Demetrius of U Street's Salon Essence. "There is no telling what the individual might need, that's why they should get their hair looked at by a professional," he added.

According to Demetrius, anything from protein treatments to moisture treatments may be necessary. "It all depends on the condition of the hair. You have to do a diagnosis," he said.

Junior finance major Sherie Reed agrees that a licensed hair stylist is the best way to go.

"I get my hair done as often as I can," Reed said. "I just go to the Dominicans and have them wash it and give me a doobie - they just wash it, set it on rollers dry it, and blow it out."

She also believes that regular trimmings by a stylist will aid the growth process. "I never liked getting my ends clipped. I just recently started [getting them] clipped, but that helps," she said.

Reed, however, is not adverse to at home treatment.

"Sometimes I use Glover's Mane . . . it stinks really bad

but it does make your hair grow."

At home care is especially common on Howard's campus where regular trips to hair salons are rare. Often students find themselves looking for alternative options to grow their hair.

"When you put your hair in braids it'll grow faster and you're not messing with it. I mostly put my hair in braids and try not to put too much heat on it when it's not in braids. I don't wear weave but [it] does help too," Tyler said.

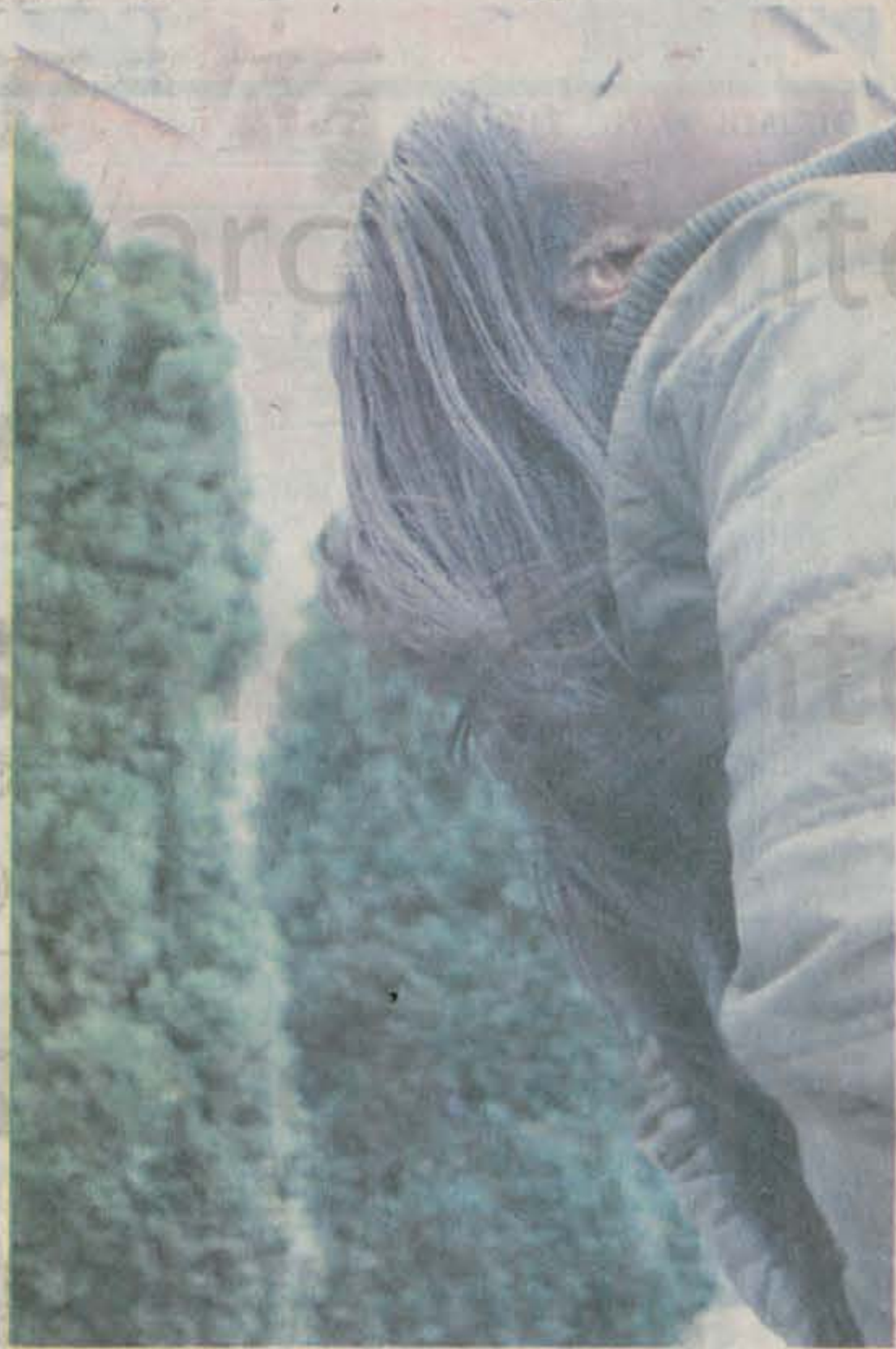
Students looking for fresh advice, ideas and solutions to hair problems that will not cost them a \$50 salon visit can simply turn to the internet. An abundance of online sources provide an infinite amount of advice about growing out and caring for black hair.

GrowAfroHairLong.com is abundant with features and tips specific to black hair. Not only can users find information about what vitamins aid hair growth and how to care for your hair through changing seasons, but there are also video tutorials on a range of issues, including how to remove braid extensions. The site also consists of a hair gal-

lery, testimonies, various regimens and techniques, as well as products that are available for online purchase.

Nappturality.com is dedicated to all things natural. While their aim is to help those with chemical-free hair, the site has dozens of articles that anyone can find useful. In particular, the "Homemade Hair Recipes" section contains descriptions of all natural products that women can use to treat and grown their hair like the "Honey & Apricot Oil Treatment," which claims to help hair maintain moisture and prevent breakage.

The interactive LongHairCareForum.com claims to be the "ultimate Internet resource for women of color that want to grow healthy beautiful long hair." The primary purpose is for the sites members to share information and provide support for one another. In addition, users of the site are able to access a hair care book list that is linked directly to Amazon.com along with professional advice and tips.



Students seek help from beauticians, home remedies, and beauty web sites to maintain hair care.

## Freshman 15: What Causes the Weight Gain, How to Avoid it?



Officials advise students to work out regularly and eat moderate proportions to avoid Freshman 15. Upperclassmen also suggest to avoid junk food at late night hours.

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With home-cooked meals being replaced by cafeteria cuisine, and study time taking over time you may have previously used for exercise, the Freshman 15 becomes an issue with students trying to adjust to college. According to

medicalnewstoday.com, one university study showed that students gain an average of four pounds during the first three months of their freshman year, a weight gain that's eleven times higher than the typical weight gain for 17 to 18-year-olds.

Freshman business marketing major Lauren Scott

says that unappetizing cafeteria food and lack of healthy foods offered around campus are the reasons she has succumb to weight gain.

"I did gain extra pounds because the food in the cafeteria is disgusting. I found myself ordering a lot of Chinese food late at night. Also, the school doesn't have many vegetables

that are offered to us," said Scott.

Freshman undecided major James Williams said that easy access to food and lack of time to exercise are factors in freshman weight gain.

"In high school I spent more time working out, but with all of my classes I have no time to hit the gym. Between not working out, and access to an enormous amount of food, it's no mystery how a new student can gain weight; and I did," Williams said.

But gaining weight is not a problem for all freshmen, as physical therapy major Sidney Scott explains. "I have not gained any weight that I know of, and I don't see how anyone would gain too much weight with all the hills at Howard. However, with the stresses of college, being away from home, and the unhealthy food in the cafeteria and Punch Out I can see how someone would put on weight," Scott said.

According to kidshealth.org, dietician Jessica R. Donze

said there are a variety of reasons students experience weight gain.

"College offers many temptations. In addition, you may not get as much exercise as you did in high school. College is also a time of change, and the stress of acclimating to school can trigger overeating. People sometimes eat in response to anxiety, homesickness, sadness, or stress, and all of these can be part of adapting to being away at school," Donze said.

Donze suggests eating slowly at regular times, keep between-meal snacking to a minimum, and choose a mix of nutritious foods. Also, she reminds student to watch portions size, (not too much or too little), and be aware of your attitude toward food. If you find yourself fixating on food or feeling guilty about what you eat, talk to your doctor or ask someone at the student health center for advice.

Upperclassmen say there are many simple ways that freshmen can keep off excess

weight. Sophomore legal communications major Victoria Reese says that avoiding the weight gain was effortless for her.

"All you have to do is avoid eating late, don't snack while studying, and balance meals. There is a salad bar offered in the cafeteria that is often overlooked, and freshman should definitely take advantage of that," Reese said.

Junior political science major and victim of the freshman fifteen Salida Wilson advise freshmen to don't get excited about the food that may tempt them. Wilson said, "I love food, and I was in a new environment and wanted to try all the new restaurants in the area. Besides that, I could eat as much fried chicken, pizza, and ice cream I wanted with the swipe of a card. So I would advise freshman to control your portion size and stop eating when you are full because we all know that sometimes our eyes are bigger than our stomachs."

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